



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for Oct 26-Nov 1

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Most of the state received from trace amounts up to 2.0 inches of rain. Isolated areas of the Northern High and Low Plains, the Blacklands, and North East Texas received from 3.0 to 6.0 inches of precipitation. There were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat seeding continued in some areas of South Texas, but seeding slowed in most areas of the High Plains and the Blacklands due to wet field wet field conditions. Although areas of the Edwards Plateau received some precipitation, small grains were still in need of additional moisture. Emerged winter wheat in some areas of South Central Texas had burned up due to lack of moisture. Winter wheat continued to progress in some areas of the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands.

Row Crops: Freezing conditions in some areas of the High and Low Plains halted cotton harvest. Meanwhile, cotton harvest was nearing completion in South East Texas. Peanut harvest continued in South Texas, the Cross Timbers, and the Southern High Plains.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan harvest continued in some areas of the Cross Timbers, the Edwards Plateau, South Texas, and South Central Texas. Citrus harvest continued in the Lower Valley, while vegetables continued to progress.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding continued in the High Plains, the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas, the Blacklands and South Texas. Stock tank levels continued to diminish in some areas of South Texas. Feral hogs continued to be a problem in areas of East Texas and the Blacklands. Pasture conditions were rated fair to poor.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Harvested	92	89	87	88
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	97	94	94	93
Harvested	58	48	40	38
Peanuts				
Mature	68	54	64	61
Harvested	51	35	45	51
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	96	94	(NA)	(NA)
Harvested	84	79	80	83
Sunflowers				
Harvested	86	83	82	79
Winter Wheat				
Planted	76	71	77	75
Emerged	57	49	55	59
Oats				
Planted	80	72	86	82

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Cotton	6	17	27	41	9	49	58
Peanuts	1	40	53	6	0	70	74
Soybeans	4	65	29	2	80	81	61
Wheat	8	27	37	19	9	60	62

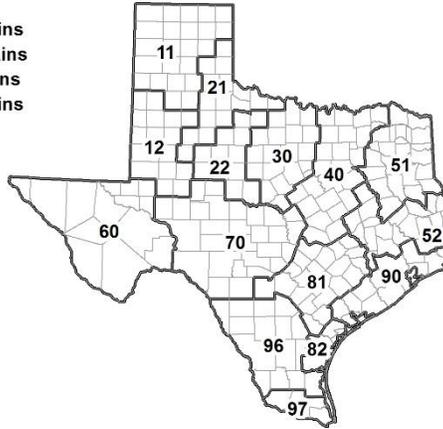
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

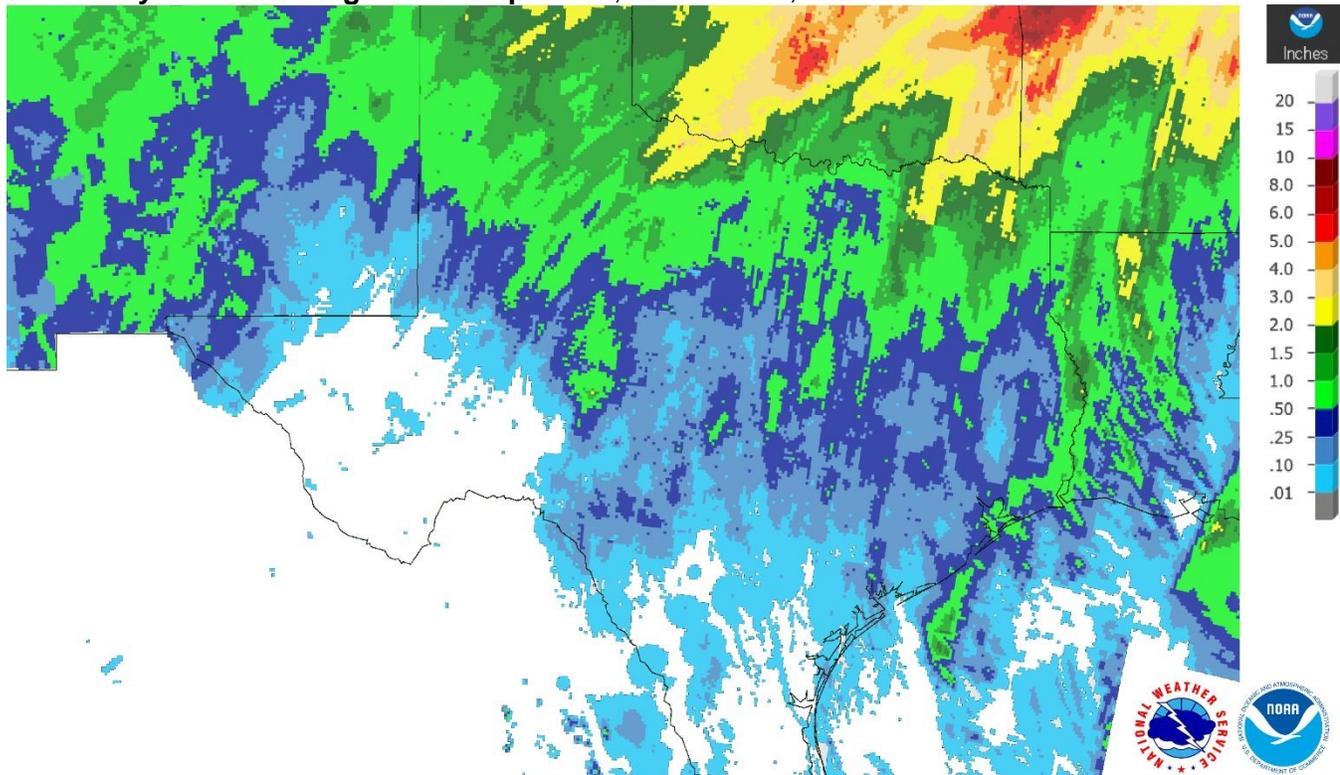
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	12	33	42	13	17	41	32	10	2.7
12	36	53	9	2	39	38	7	16	3.9
21	1	15	71	13	2	22	63	13	3.1
22	10	30	55	5	10	36	54	0	3.6
30	5	24	70	1	8	27	65	0	4.2
40	6	22	55	17	3	24	67	6	4.1
51	2	28	64	6	7	37	51	5	6.4
52	7	22	52	19	8	27	54	11	5.7
60	12	38	50	0	39	11	50	0	6.2
70	24	34	30	12	36	37	14	13	4.0
81	19	63	18	0	27	47	26	0	6.2
82	16	45	39	0	16	45	39	0	7.0
90	4	22	72	2	4	35	61	0	6.0
96	33	57	10	0	36	40	24	0	6.8
97	42	36	22	0	21	38	41	0	7.0
State	16	35	41	8	18	35	40	7	4.2

Texas Agricultural Districts

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley

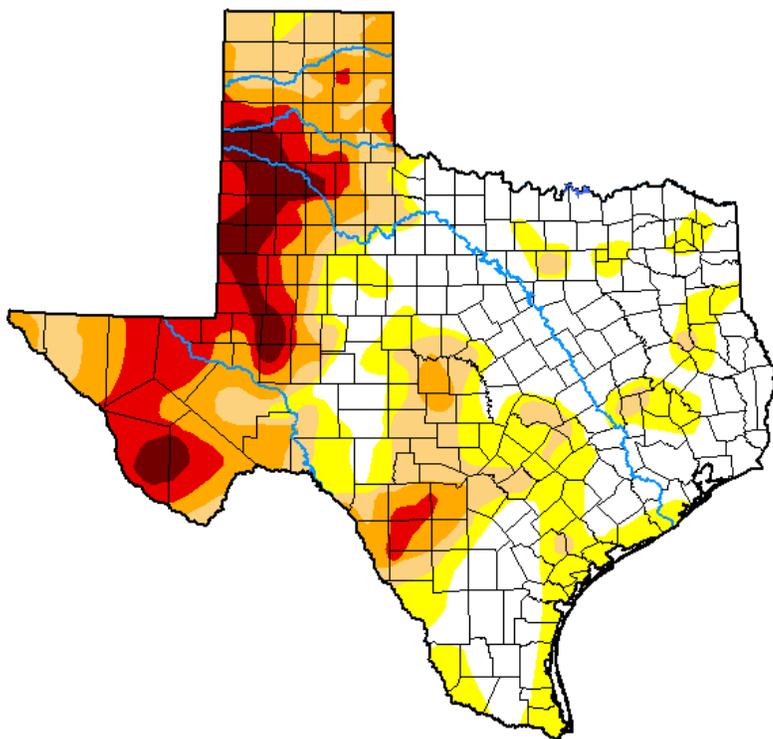


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 1, 2020.



Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov.

Drought Monitor, Valid October 27, 2020.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.98	62.02	42.98	28.28	14.42	4.72
Last Week 10-20-2020	46.81	53.19	39.60	25.69	14.42	4.72
3 Months Ago 07-28-2020	39.66	60.34	34.39	14.99	2.99	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	44.69	55.31	36.12	9.19	0.74	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	57.35	42.65	31.96	20.91	12.02	3.29
One Year Ago 10-29-2019	38.98	61.02	46.55	22.40	4.65	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, a partnership with USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>.

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